Failure of Dadri Unit-oT Northern Grid

668. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether probe into the repeated tripping of Dadri unit leading to massive power failure in Delhi and neighbouring States in the months of November-December, 1996 and January, 1997, has been completed and report submitted to Government;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of enquiry;

(c) whether any officials have been guilty of negligence, if so, the names and designations of such officials and the details of action taken/proposed to be taken against them; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the Dadri unit functions smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee was appointed under the Chairmanship of Shri Krishna Swarup, former Chairman, CEA, which went into the causes of failure at Dadri complex. The Committee in its report has stated that the incident on 20th December, 1996 was triggered-by tripping of the 2 inter-connecting transformers (ICTs) due to flashovers on the 400 KV line. The dense fog in the Dadri area coupled with mist from Cooling Tower, which is in close vicinity of the Switch-yard and pollution deposits on bus insulators, had caused tripping of the ICTs. The subsequent grid disturbance on 3.1.1997 has also been attributed to the same reasons. The Committee has felt that R-phase limb appears to have developed a major internal fault. The Committee has stated that it has not been possible to pin point and fix any responsibility to a individual. The Committee felt that t important factors that had led to incidents have been poor maintenance AC Switch-yard by NTPC, inadequ: auxiliary supply to HVDC, failure standby DG sets for auxiliary supply HVDC and opening of 400/200 kv 1 for regulation of power supply.

(d) Action has already been taken supplement the auxiliary supply HVDC where a separate connection by given from Dadri gas stati POWERGRID has been asked augment their DG sets. Instructions hi been issued to all the organisations prepare a maintenance schedule and ensure that the schedule is implemen effectively.

Approved Power Projects of Maharasr

669. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) what is the present status of Po Projects formally cleared by Maharashtra Government subject approval/clearance by the Ministry Environment and Forest, and the del of projects in the State awaiting cleara of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) the details of power projects Maharashtra approved in all resp during last one year, with project-capacity, location and investment duration for completion;

(c) what are the details of the proj out of the above, which have t actually taken up for execution and names of projects which are forrr cleared but no work has been taker for various reasons; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure sp execution of'approved projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN T MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No po project proposals relating to Maharashtra State have been pendinj

Central Electricity Authority (CEA) accord of techno-economic clearance on 31.1.1997.

no power project proposal for the to of Maharashtra has been accorded hno-economic clearance by the Central ectricity Authority during the last one .

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

iccdure for finalising the Transmission Projects

70. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be ised to state:

(a) whether Government have worked the details on the power tariff issue the procedure for finalising the amission projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by in it is proposed to be finalised? HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE N1STRY OF POWER (DR. S. VUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) isequent upon the amendments to the an Electricity Act, 1910 and the ;tricity (Supply) Act, 1948, through Electricity Laws (Amendment) dinance, 1997, recognising transmission a distinct activity and providing for c of transmission licenses, a mmittee of Experts has. been set up by Ministry of Power on 17.2.1997 to be recommendations relating to blishment of a suitable administrative financial framework alongwith porting legal enablements to facilitate 'ate investment in transmission jects. The Committee has been xted, inter alia, to suggest guidelines determination of transmission tariff(s) formulation of transmission service cements. The Committee has also n asked to review the existing mgements for planning and approval transmission projects and suggest modalities for issue of transmission licenses and the principles for bid solicitation and evaluation. The Committee is to submit its final report to the Ministry of Power within two months from the date of its first sitting.

Extra supply of electricity to the Karnataka SEB

671. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 10% rise was made in the supply of electricity to the Karnataka State Electricity Board from the Central pool and at the same time the supply to Kerala was reduced bv 5%; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of unallocated power at the disposal of the Central Government is done to the beneficiary States of the Region depending on the relative shortage from time to time to take care of the seasonal and other variation in load demand.

Power Transmission by Private Sector

672. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened the power transmission sector to the private enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basic objective behind this measure; and

(c) how this would improve the transmission and distribution losses in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 have been amended through the Electricity Laws